

MINUTES

February 2, 2010
The Regular Meeting of the Satsuma City Council

The City Council of the City of Satsuma, Alabama, convened in the regular public session at City Hall in said city at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd of February 2010.

Councilmember Jackson gave the invocation.

Satsuma ROTC presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call the following answered present:

Mayor	William F. Stewart, III
Council Members	Billy Jackson
	Pamela O’Gwynn
	Pratt Monk
	Tom Williams
	Bill Black

Jay Minus, City Attorney; Vicki Miller, City Clerk; James Elmore, Public Works Supervisor; Tom Briand, Building Inspector and Lt. Jana Dukes, Police Department were present. A quorum was present and Mayor Stewart opened the meeting for the transaction of business.

A pre-council meeting was held beginning at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting and Mayor Stewart discussed with Council agenda items coming before Council.

Mayor Stewart presented the minutes of the regular meeting on January 19, 2010 for approval. Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember O’Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

VISITORS

1. Linda Tindle-Representing SCDO

Ms. Tindle came before Council to report that the Citizen of the Year committee chose Jack Presnall as the first Satsuma Citizen of the Year. She stated the decision was based on all that Mr. Presnall did on the Veterans Memorial. She also informed council that the banquet honoring Mr. Presnall will be March 25th at Steele Creek Lodge and tickets will be \$15.00.

Councilmember Williams stated that he would like to recognize Gene Tindle as the new president of the Upper Delta Turkey Federation. He will be inducted on February 26th meeting which will be at Steele Creek Lodge.

2. Robin Stewart report on the "Satsuma to Haiti Relief" efforts.

Ms. Stewart came before Council to update the council to give her proposal to council about having a fund raiser for Haiti relief. She stated that the city employees could participate by having bucket drops on Saturdays, the children in the elementary school could begin collecting change and there will be a walk-a-thon held at Baldwin Square on the 20th of February. She then introduced Erica Pridgen who explained that the funds will be used to purchase needed items for two orphanages. She stated that she has been in contact and has put together a list of items that are needed.

Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Stewart and Ms. Pridgen for their vision and for all their hard work.

Councilmember Williams made a motion to allow for bucket drops on February 6, 13 and 20th. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Old Business:

1) Decision on One Meal to hold flea market at Wright Park

Mayor Stewart stated that Mr. McKinley came before council at the previous meeting and requested permission to use Wright Park to hold a flea market as a fund raiser for the One Meal program. Mayor Stewart stated that council requested for Jay Minus to check into whether there were any legal issues restricting the council from approving this request. Mr. Minus stated that he reviewed the matter and did not find any legal reason to not approve allowing the flea market to be set up at Wright Park. He stated that the city should execute a lease with Mr. McKinley for a period of six (6) months for a \$1.00 and review the matter again in six (6) months. With no further comments or questions, Councilmember Jackson made a motion to approve One Meal holding a flea market at

Wright Park once a month for a period of six (6) months for \$1.00. Councilmember Monk seconded the motion and it carried.

2) Report on Phone Tree System

Mayor Stewart reported that at the last meeting, council approved a joint venture with Satsuma Water to purchase an emergency phone system to contact citizens. Mayor Stewart reported that the system is being set up and should be in use in a month.

3). Report on assessment information for Lyons, Pipe and Cook.

Mayor Stewart stated that council requested Mr. Minus look into the outstanding assessments. Mr. Minus reported that the report was not ready; however it should be ready by the next meeting.

With no comments or questions, Councilmember Monk made a motion to approve the expenditure for Councilmember Jackson and Councilmember Williams to attend the NLC conference in Washington D.C. in March. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion and it carried.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Parks and Recreation:

Councilmember Jackson reported that the ham radio operators called the "Tail Gators" will hold their annual event at Wright Park on March 6, from 8 AM to 12 Noon and the event is open to the public.

Administration and Finance:

Councilmember O'Gwynn made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Councilmember Jackson seconded the motion and it carried.

Municipal Services:

Councilmember Monk expressed condolences on behalf of the Mayor and Council to the families of Woodie Beverly. Mayor Stewart expressed condolences to Councilmember Monk on the loss of his Mother-in-Law, Ms. Lambert.

Public Safety:

Councilmember Williams reported that he has received the monthly police and fire reports and the police department had 1652 assignments of which 182 became cases. The fire department made 55 responses of which 36 were emergency medical call. The average response time is 4.6 minutes.

Councilmember Williams read a letter of appreciation from Ms. Corley thanking Officer Mike Smith for his assistance with helping her in an emergency situation.

Councilmember Williams reminded everyone that the Alabama League of Municipalities is having a workshop on February 23 in Montgomery. He stated that he would be unable to attend, but wanted to remind everyone in case someone else was interested.

Councilmember Williams stated that he would like to invite the Satsuma Chorus group who sang the National Anthem at this year's Senior Bowl to come and sing at a city council meeting

Councilmember Williams congratulated the police department on their efforts in resolving a home invasion case. Lt. Dukes stated that it was a joint effort with Saraland.

Public Works:

Councilmember Black reported that James Elmore is almost finished with the building pad for the senior building. He stated that the weather has caused delays, however we should be able to turn the project over to the contractor soon.

AGENDA
NO ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

With no further business to discuss, Councilmember Monk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember O'Gwynn seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

/s/ William F. Stewart, III
Mayor William F. Stewart III

/s/ Billy Jackson
Councilmember Billy Jackson

/s/ Pam O'Gwynn
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/s/ Pratt Monk
Councilmember Pratt Monk

/s/ Tom Williams
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/s/ Bill Black
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ATTEST: /s/ Vicki Miller
City Clerk